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JAMMIN'—Senior Todd Stanhope and junior Jay Balek play with Funk Lotion. They won both first place and crowd favorite at the Battle of the Unsigned Artists.

Senate to host forum

New policies could affect off-campus releases

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

Changes to Wartburg's off-campus housing policy will be addressed at a forum hosted by Student Senate at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, in WBC 214.

"The forum ... is in place to answer students questions about moving off campus as well as telling them the changes that are being proposed for the off-campus application," Senate housing subcommittee member sophomore Jodi Kempel said.

Throughout the fall, Kempel met regularly with director of residential life Pete Armstrong to discuss several changes to off-campus housing policies proposed by the Residential Life (Res Life) Office for the 2006-07 school year.

"The college continues to think that remaining a residential campus is important," Armstrong said, "and we want to hopefully have as many as 85 percent of the student body living on campus. It makes for a more vital and interesting campus for everyone, but we recognize that there are some students that will want to commute from home ... so, we allow for the fact that some students might move on campus."

According to Kempel, applications will only be accepted from students who will be seniors next year unless the student fits into an "automatic" category, such as being married or a non-traditional student. The non-traditional student age has also been lowered from 24 to 23.

Kempel said students in a "non-automatic" category must have earned 22 credits at the conclusion of Fall Term or be expected to graduate in May of 2007. Any student applying for off-campus approval must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.25.

Other changes are designed to prevent abuse of the off-campus release system.

"To be honest, part of [the change] is in response to an unfortunate small number of students who sort of 'cheat,'" Armstrong said. "We've had, and just last year had, students who indicated that they'd be commuting from home, but they're not. So we've put a limit on how far we think it is that you can reasonably commute from home."

Housing Forum
7 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 6
WBC 214

Students indicating they will be commuting from home can only do so within a 40 mile radius of Wartburg and must commute from a home owned by a parent or guardian.

Armstrong said some students have also lied about marriage plans. Because of this, he said "we're going to ask for verification in the forum of a wedding announcement or license."

Students will also only be able to apply for off-campus release in groups no larger than two. Armstrong said Res Life used to take into consideration larger groups of students applying to live off campus together, which made the waiting list system complicated and became "a headache and unfair to others." To ease this problem and still be sensitive to students who want to live together, Armstrong said there will now be a limit of two people applying together.

Though all of the proposed changes will likely be implemented, Armstrong said, "It's possible that we've missed something; there's another approach that has been overlooked."

Senate housing subcommittee chair junior Lauren Kahler hopes Res Life will take student concerns into consideration.

"We are hoping that if enough students show dissatisfaction, then Res Life will consider amending some of the proposed adjustments," Kahler said. "But I think that unless they are met with great opposition, most of the changes will occur."

Kahler said the forum will also give students the chance to give input on other issues, including new board plan options and the possibility of allowing transfer students to live off campus if they choose.

"We just want students to come and show their concerns or problems with the changes so that Res Life will know that students do care about the housing process and want to be considered when it is changed," Kahler said.

Kempel sees the forum as an educational opportunity for students.

"I think students should attend so they are informed about the process for applying to move off-campus as well as the changes that are being made so that there are fewer discrepancies about the application," she said.

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Senate Elections

Four teams vie for top

By ALAN SIMMER
Assistant News Editor

The 2006-07 candidates for the office of student body president, vice president, treasurer and recorder will present their platforms at a political debate at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Lyceum.

There are four pairs of students running for president and vice president.

"We haven't seen as many [candidates] in a while," student body vice president senior Ashley Weets said. "The candidates are pretty equal."

A fifth ticket of freshmen Travis Bockenstedt and Alyssa Mueller had entered the race but bowed out early.

"It was a hard decision for them. It was just not the right time for them," Weets said.

Four candidates are also running for treasurer, but the recorder position is uncontested. Barring a massive write-in campaign, junior Amanda Pullin will walk away the winner.

"I am kind of disappointed," Pullin said. "It is kind of nice. ... It takes less time with campaigning."

With so many candidates running for the other positions, Pullin was hopeful the process would get students interested in the democratic process.

"I think it will be an interesting election," she said, "and cause a lot of attention to be drawn to Senate and how things work."

At the debate, Pullin will give a brief statement rather than participating in the questions the moderating panel will have for the other office seekers.

Students will have a chance to mingle with the candidates at an ETK and Senate co-sponsored concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the ballrooms.

Students running for office will have a chance to make a brief statement at the concert and can set up tables with promotional materials.

Candidates will have another full week to campaign before the primary election is held via eVote on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

"There will probably be a runoff for treasurer and president and vice president," Weets said. The runoff, if needed, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21.

"It will be interesting to see how it comes out," Weets said.

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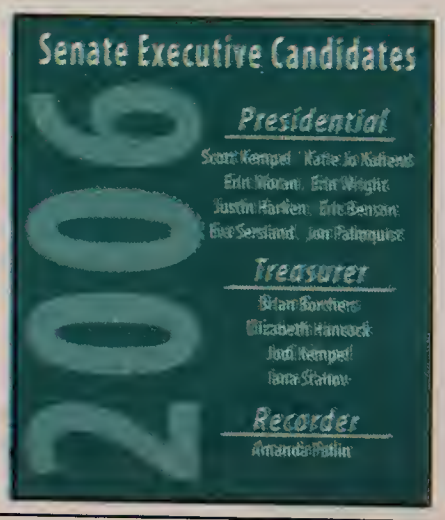

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Protecting freedom

By JON PALMQUIST
Columnist

It is increasingly clear that the battle of ideals, wills and religions that is being waged between the U.S. and terrorists is not one that will be easily won or terminated anytime soon. The enemy lives in caves, is on the move and follows few conventions of war. All the while the U.S. continues to successfully wage war and prevent attacks. The credit for this must be given in part to luck but also in part to the inner workings of the government. Efforts have been put into place at all levels of government to ensure the safety of American citizens.

One such effort in response to the attacks of 9/11 has been the National Security Agency (NSA), with permission from President Bush, listening to the phone calls of al-Qaeda agents. This program has allowed calls made to and from people inside the borders of the U.S. to be monitored if there is a suspected relation to an al-Qaeda agent outside the country. The question that has been raised is whether such action is constitutional, as there were no warrants granted for these wiretaps. Seemingly, the rights of those citizens within the borders of the U.S. have been violated in this effort

More important than the privacy rights of a number of al-Qaeda cohorts is the safety and security of this free nation. As I sit here, I am reminded that for more than four years there has not been another domestic terrorist attack. The fact that there has not been an attack is of no coincidence; the NSA and other government agencies have succeeded multiple times in preventing the occurrence of an attack. Preventing such an attack is of utmost importance to this country. We live in a society that was built upon freedom—freedom to speak, freedom to gather, freedom to think, freedom to worship God. The terrorists do not want us to have that freedom. They want us to live in a country that is frightened to speak, frightened to gather, frightened to think, frightened to worship God and, most of all, frightened to live.

If we want to be free of these fears, we must do everything we can to be sure that it is the terrorists who are living in fear; the fear of us tapping their phone calls, the fear of being captured in the night and the fear that, indeed, freedom will prevail over the trappings of their ideals of extremism. As we worry about the implications of the NSA wiretapping program and whether the law was broken, we must also remember the purpose of these actions. The wiretapping program is in our best interest; nobody is, will, or would even want to listen to your conversation with your mother or your spouse. The efforts are going to keep your family and my family safe. The efforts are going to protect freedom in the face of terror.

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Price tags shouldn't advertise our pride

By JAKE HIGH
Columnist

I'm beginning to believe that life, from an American perspective, is nothing more than an elaborate ostentation (defined as a "pretenious display meant to impress others"), that somewhere we lost our collective sense of self and humility and replaced them with a voracious "look at me" attitude. Seriously, kids, Wartburg's campus is swamped with those of us who've probably spent more time making sure we're looking our best for the opposite sex than studying (which, by the way, is the entire pretense for our paying thousands of dollars each year).

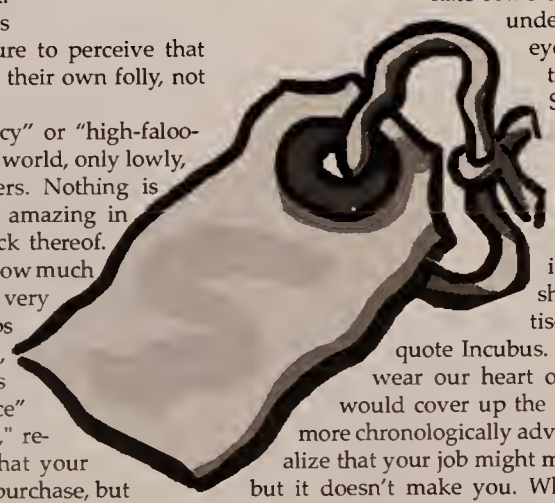
Now I realize that I'm making a horrible stereotype out of people I have had no contact with, but my brief life experience has shown me that most of us, myself included, are guilty of at least some posturing in our lives. If not the "Gucci bag/camera phone" crowd making sure that their egos and my self-image are eternally inversely proportionate; it's the "geek/intellectuals" comparing my test scores and processor speed to theirs. Invariably I am on the losing end of both of these types of exchanges.

Now pretend that you and I are unassuming, nose-to-the-grindstone types. We shuffle to and fro from class to meals to our boring humdrum lives. That's the common consensus about our type, right? By refusing to pay $75 for a shirt and driving that "old" car, which still runs perfectly, our lives are somehow incomplete. We're missing out on all that life has to offer. No, though, we're not. Simply because my cell phone doesn't take pictures and I've never consumed enough of a substance for it to significantly alter my demeanor doesn't mean that I can't enjoy life, laugh, love and feel fulfilled. Appearances deceive in this instance, for anyone's failure to perceive that my life isn't meaningless is their own folly, not mine.

> "Very few of us wear our heart on our sleeve; it would cover up the logo."

There are no more "fancy" or "high-falootin'" people or things in the world, only lowly, boring, drab, pathetic losers. Nothing is outrageous, astounding or amazing in its grandeur, only in its lack thereof. "How much did it cost?" "How much did it matter?" A lot and very little respectively. Perhaps the appropriate, or ideal, response to those questions would be "a reasonable price" and "as much as it should," respectively. That is to say that your Gucci bag is an extraneous purchase, but not that its price is what makes it so. What inevitably devalues such a purchase is its value. Very few of us bought that bag because of our deep, spiritual connection to Gucci products; we did it for everyone else to see. So, in a sense, they bought it, as it is them to whom it has value, as is the case with the "city boys" who drive the highly pollutant, "manly" and wasteful trucks. Sure, I can tow 500 tons, but I never will. We're all guilty; have no illusions.

Furthermore, if you and I cut back our ostentations, we could afford to pay for our own on-campus cable next year if such is the case. Or... if we were true philanthropic college students, we'd donate some of that money to underprivileged one-eyed frogs in Arbitrary Country, South America.



Clothes are clothes, kids, and not colored cloth to gauge our gravity; price tags shouldn't advertise our pride. To quote Incubus. "Very few of us wear our heart on our sleeve; it would cover up the logo." For those more chronologically advanced, please realize that your job might make you money, but it doesn't make you. When asked what you do, an appropriate answer may be: "Work, so that I can live comfortably and go about my real life with relative ease." You, not "that," are all you truly need.

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A little bit goes a long way

By COREY HELLAND
Columnist

I'm sure you've seen the posters: The Senior Class Challenge—support the annual fund. But why now? Why would those money grubbing Wartburg folk want to drain the pockets of us college kids even more?

I mean seriously, do the math: four years times $20,000 minimum is $80,000 we've pumped into this institution. Our pocketbooks are still sore from the beating they've taken. You underclassmen out there just wait; you'll feel the pain too.

Knight Writer

I was so outraged by the posters I saw this past week that I set out to do a negative column about the Challenge. I really wanted to rip into the whole idea and show Wartburg College what students thought about it. But then I set my emotions aside and my brain kicked in.

First of all, it's not like the school is asking for a long-term promise of an extraordinary amount of money like they used to do. "In past challenges (such as the one in 1999) seniors were asked to sign a five-year pledge ranging from $225 to $500," Kendra Kehe, the director of the annual fund, said.

Let's say that every week you spend at least a dollar on a cup of coffee or bottle of pop. Why not skip the drinks for now and put that dollar in a special place to set aside for the Challenge. After 10 weeks, you'd have the minimum pledge amount for one year: $10. I'd imagine you can live with one less cup of coffee a week, but the school really can't survive without your money.

Amazingly enough, the money that you and I pay for tuition only covers 80 percent of the actual cost of college. That means after four years, our education actually cost the school $100,000, instead of the aforementioned $80,000. Thanks to alumni contributions, we basically get a free year of school. Now that coffee is starting to sound less and less appealing, isn't it!

Still, though, why would the department of the annual fund start begging for money before we even graduate? I'm sick of signing checks to Wartburg College just as much as the next person. Their reasoning, however, is that the fundraising is a grassroots effort. And the seniors of Wartburg are the grassiest of the grassroots, for they aren't even alumni yet.

> "Why not skip the drinks for now and put that dollar in a special place to set aside for the Challenge."

Kehe prefers to see the pledge not as a way to get more money out of the students, but sending a message to the alumni. "The challenge gives seniors the opportunity to say 'thank you' to all of the alumni, parents and friends that contributed to their education," she said.

Personally, I'd prefer to send out a nice card, or even a mass e-mail as opposed to giving my hard-earned money (or lack thereof). But will it really put a strain on my lifestyle? Not at all. It's an issue that dates back to when money was first invented. You want to keep as much of it as you can, unless spending it directly affects you in some way. You're not greedy—you're human. The point is, though, this does directly affect you. You've already spent the $10 that previous graduates gave you. Give it back to the next generation of Wartburg graduates.

When you go to the Konditorei tonight or tomorrow or whenever to order an iced mocha with extra whipped cream, think about all of the students at Wartburg getting a year of college for free. Stuff the bills back in your pocket and get a glass of water instead. It's better for you anyway.

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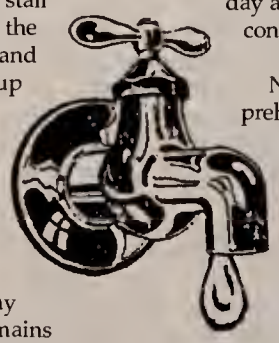
Consider the impact of your daily habits

By JESSI LeCLEAR
Columnist

It's 6:30 a.m. I slowly come to consciousness as the high-pitched screaming of a hideous, orange clad monster transforms into the horrible sound of my dreaded alarm clock. Confused and silently cursing under my breath, I contemplate 30 more minutes of slumber. Aware of the danger of such an act, however, I decide to ignore the much-needed impulse to sleep and head towards the bathroom.

I enter the restroom and immediately head to the thermostat, cranking the dial as high as it will go. Not wanting the room to get stuffy, I crack open the window. After using entirely too much toilet paper in the bathroom stall I approach the sink and lift the silver handle all the way up and to the left in order to heat up the water.



Momentarily hypnotized by the stream of clear, "unlimited" and essential fluid of life rushing quickly out of the spout in a foamy torrent, I regain focus and begin preparing my toothbrush. The water remains dashing wildly in the sink as I slowly brush my teeth. With the water finally at a comfortable temperature, I wash my face, too tired to halt the liquid current that continues to flow down the drain. Finally, I turn the faucet off and walk to the shower. Stressed and thinking entirely too much for such an early hour, it's another 20 minutes before I leave the comfort and warmth of the flowing river of relief that the shower head provides.

I return to my room, and after turning on all the lights and cranking up the radio, I begin getting dressed and follow all the necessary steps to ready myself for the day.

Finished primping, I pop open a soda and bag of animal crackers and sit down to my computer, a machine that has not been turned off for days.

After checking my e-mail, I look around the room and realize it's a mess. Circling the room for trash I pick up a couple of soda cans, some white paper that's too crinkled to be used and a cardboard box full of plastic bottles. I glance at my watch and realize that I'm running late. With no time to spare, I put on my backpack, grab the dumpster-bound bag of trash, and rush out of my still-lit room. After disposing of the trash, I put on a smile of accomplishment and head toward my social justice class, encouraged and ready to take on the day as a responsible, environmentally conscious and active college citizen.

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Now, while some may comprehend the satirical nature of the above madness, I am aware that not everyone understands or even considers the conservation of energy and our natural resources. Why should a busy and privileged college student care? One has enough to do without worrying about "saving the earth" and getting involved with such a hippie-driven, tree-hugger movement. But perhaps I'm being too unreasonable to think that such simple acts such as recycling, flipping off a light switch and using less water can make a difference. I mean, really, who has the time?

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BLOW YOUR HORN

Thanks, Mother Nature, for the great weather last week!

The debate last week was a great experience. Props to the Wartburg Democrats and Republicans for getting along and getting it done.

I thought the point of the ballrooms was so we wouldn't have to have alternate meals on scholarship days.

Write to trumpet@wartburg.edu to contribute to Blow Your Horn.

ABOUT FACE

Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

Paul Blair, freshman
Seattle 31-20 "They really beat some good teams in the regular season, and Matt Hasselbeck is underrated."

Natalie Richard, sophomore
Pittsburgh "I like Pittsburgh better than Seattle. It'll be something new. I'm going with the East Coast."

David Neil, sophomore
Pittsburgh 30-24 "Antwaan Randle El will score two touchdowns, one off a reception and one off a punt return."

Josh Mutua, sophomore
Pittsburgh 20-17 "The Steelers seem to be on a roll."

Megan Roland, junior
Pittsburgh 30-24 "I just have a feeling the Steelers are going to win ."

Kate Hunt, senior
Seattle 34-27 "It's all about Mike [Holmgren]."

Richard Podhajsky, senior (Mr. Sports)
Pittsburgh 27-17 "I think Pittsburgh is a team of destiny, and I also like how they've had to battle."

Five years of readership

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

January marks the five-year anniversary of Wartburg's readership program, which provides four different newspapers for students each weekday.

According to junior Amanda Pullin, Student Senate administrative ombudsperson, the readership program has evolved over the years to better fit the needs of students. The Courier was added as a paper choice a few years ago after student suggestion, and this is the first year there was a Thanksgiving newspaper delivery for those who stayed on campus.

The residence hall fee students pay at the beginning of the year covers the entire cost for the program because the school is part of the USA Today readership program.

"[Students] are paying a $10 fee for the readership program, and by using the money to the fullest, they are getting more in-depth information," Pullin said. "Sometimes as students we get stuck in the localness of news, and we need to see what's going on" outside of Wartburg.

Junior Abby Rod now lives off campus, but she said she "picked up the paper weekly" when she lived in the Complex.

"I like what they have, [especially] the Courier and USA Today," she said.

The number of papers each building receives can fluctuate week to week, Pullin said. Depending on what papers are left at the end of the day, a building could get more or less of that paper for the next delivery. The college gets back money for papers that aren't picked up.

For now, there is no scheduled delivery for weekends because "it would most likely mean the readership fee would have to be increased, and in the past that has not been a fee students would like to incur," Pullin said. Senate is open to discussion however.

Although students may read the paper on their own, Pullin hopes faculty will incorporate newspapers into curriculum.

"Sometimes [newspapers] are not applicable to class goals," Pullin said, "and it's difficult for some faculty because they don't know about the program ... but we'll continue to work toward it."

Dr. Dani Thomas, professor of political science, uses the New York Times as supplemental reading for some of his classes. For his PS 101 class, students are given worksheets to help them analyze the news, then 10 minutes are usually spent each class period discussing current events. Thomas said some of his best classes have grown out of issues students raise from reading the newspaper.

"It makes teaching [the] class less arid and irrelevant," he said. "The point is twofold: to help [students] develop news reading habits ... and secondly, that reading news can be entertaining and fun."

Pullin encourages students to contact her at Ext. 8393 or stop by the Student Senate office from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

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READ ON—Junior Bryan McCarty reads the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier in the McElroy Communication Arts Center.

"Monologues" scheduled for next winter

By SNEHA PRADHAN
Staff Writer

"The Vagina Monologues" is coming to Wartburg. It will be performed in February 2007 as a student-led production with female-oriented actors.

"The Vagina Monologues" was written by Eve Ensler as a result of Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women from all over the world about their experiences of being a woman. It started as a one-woman play which Ensler performed.

According to www.vday.org, her experience performing the Monologues inspired her to rename Valentine's Day V-Day, a global movement to stop violence against women and girls.

Junior Sonci Kingery read it last summer and wanted to bring the play to Wartburg.

"The monologue talks about the experiences of women like getting their period, rape, molestation and incest," Kingery said. "They are real women stories of who they are as a woman and becoming more aware about themselves."

The production was proposed to the college this fall, but due to time constraints it could not be performed.

"It was never cancelled," Alexander Smith, vice president of student life and dean of students, said. "We wanted to talk to faculty, institutions [and] schools because it pushes the envelope. When the proposal to produce "Vagina Monologues" was first broached last fall and ETK was contacted, I had concerns because I was aware that the play was intended to provoke ,which is okay, but had caused controversy on some of the college campuses where it was produced."

The play was allowed by the college on the agreement that it was produced as a student co-curricular activity through the Campus Programming Office. Kingery worked with the director of campus programming Sarah Glascock so students could produce the play next February.

"We are very supportive of on-campus programming directed at raising awareness about and stopping sexual violence, so that point was never an issue," Smith said.

> "It does not matter to me what kind of heat I take on this as long as it happens."
> - Junior Sonci Kingery

"One of the questions in my mind and that of others was whether there was a more appropriate way to do so. I did agree to check further and to educate myself on the issues. I talked with colleagues on and off campus, and we discussed it at the college level as well. I did learn that some of the language was pretty crude and raw, so there was legitimate concern about the appropriateness of the play and whether the message of empowering women and stopping violence would be lost because of that."

The V-Day movement raises money that aids in funding organizations that provide aid to women who have been molested, raped or a victim of a sexual assault. "The monologue will raise awareness of the continued violation of the basic human right to have control over one's body and what is done with and to it," Kingery said.

According to Kingery, other students have been "very supportive" and although she has other commitments as a student, the Monologues will be her "No. one priority."

"It does not matter to me what kind of heat I take on this as long as it happens," Kingery said. "The issues aren't easy to talk about, but it's important to have an open dialogue and raise awareness."

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Athletes join together for Unified Sports Day

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

Plans are under way for the eighth annual Unified Sports Day.

Approximately 100 special athletes will join Wartburg students Feb. 18 for a day of games and goodwill.

Ann Arns, Unified Sports Day faculty representative, said she is already receiving e-mails from students who want to be involved.

"We always want to increase [student involvement], and once a student participates they're hooked," she said.

Arns said things "will be a little wild" this year because the event will be winding down just as the women's last home basketball game is beginning in Knights Gym.

Athletes and volunteers normally have an ending ceremony in the gym, but everything will take place in the PEC fieldhouse this year.

Senior Breanne Pleggenkuhle is on the committee and said the closing ceremony is usually the favorite part for both students and athletes.

"Each group has a captain who comes up and explains about the group and says something special about everyone," Pleggenkuhle said. "I was hesitant at first, but [Unified Sports Day] has become one of the most positive committees I'm on."

Pleggenkuhle and Arns would like to see a one-to-one student to athlete ratio, and they encourage those who might be interested in helping to talk to students who have previous experience with Unified Sports Day.

"People who've never worked with special needs people may be a little frightened, but they just need to ask a student who's helped to see that it's worthwhile," Arns said.

The committee will have a table in the Student Center for students interested in helping with Unified Sports Day. E-mail breanne.pleggenkuhle@wartburg.edu for information.

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REAL KNIGHTS READ THE TRUMPET.

HEAR FROM THE CANDIDATES.
Student Senate Executive Election Debate
8 p.m. Tuesday in McCaskey Lyceum

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OPEN WIDE—Senior Alek Wipperman reacts after swallowing a fish at halftime of the men's basketball game Friday. The stunt was part of a fundraiser for an upcoming service trip.

Honors success continues

By ELIZABETH HANCOCK
Staff Writer

As the Scholars Program continues into its second year at Wartburg College, the inaugural class is continuing to reap the advantages of an enriched education.

The program's mission statement reads, "Scholars Program is dedicated to improving intellectual life on campus by providing enriched academic challenges and learning opportunities to highly motivated and academically talented students."

Features of the Scholars Program include small seminar classes, social and travel opportunities, involvement in designing courses and activities, distinguished speakers and a student-designed senior project.

To apply for the program, a student must have graduated in the top 10 percent of his or her high school class or have obtained a minimum ACT composite score of 26 or have been nominated by someone familiar with his or her intellectual promise.

The application must include two essays. The first explains the student's desire to be in the program, and the second states what book all freshmen should read and why.

The Scholars Program is a four-year program with 80 percent retention from the first year. This year's freshman class is full at 30 students.

First-year students utilize books from both the New York Times bestseller list and classical literature. Dr. Paul Torkelson, professor of music, said that the current books under discussion are "The DaVinci Code" and "The Six Questions of Socrates."

Students look at perceived truths in these books, do research and prove them false. "Don't believe everything in print. Know what is true and what isn't," Torkelson said.

Scholars Program chair Dr. Mariah Birgen said that the second year requires attendance at various campus activities such as lectures, concerts, plays, field trips and service projects.

Juniors take a class that addresses issues and problems in the world, which replaces their ID course. Requirements include presentations of scholarly papers. The fourth year culminates with a senior thesis in conjunction with a student's major area that may also require a senior thesis.

Sophomore Jessica Saunders is a scholars student and really enjoys the program. She says that since the program is new, students get to have a lot of say in its direction.

She has a seat on a peer-elected council board comprised of eight sophomores and three freshmen. Next year they are planning monthly activities for the entire Wartburg community to raise awareness of the group.

Spring break will take the scholars students to France and England. Students will help pay for the trip, but they do have a budget that assists with off-campus activities and conferences.

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Bands present concert Saturday

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Editor-in-Chief

The Wartburg department of music will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Neumann Auditorium. The performance will feature symphonic band, wind ensemble and the Knightliters Jazz Band.

Dr. Craig Hancock, professor of music, conducts the 150 students enrolled in symphonic band and wind ensemble.

Symphonic band will perform three pieces: "A Festival Prelude," "Hungarian Dance No. 2" and "Ascendance," while the wind ensemble will perform "Cheers!" and "Carmina Burana." Hancock said "Carmina Burana" is "about 30 minutes long and is nothing but fun from beginning to end."

According to Hancock, symphonic band practices four times a week for 50 minutes, while the wind ensemble practices daily for 70 minutes. Hancock said symphonic band started some of this music prior to Christmas, while the wind ensemble was getting ready for Christmas with Wartburg.

"The wind ensemble has worked only since Christmas; in fact, we got the 'Cheers!' piece just this week," Hancock said Thursday.

Students can be members in both bands, but Hancock said "the basic rule is that students must play a different instrument in each band."

"Most members are music majors—people who are going to go out and be band directors," he said. "A few are just talented people who love it that much."

Hancock looks forward playing in front of the Meistersinger high school honor band festival attendees who will be rehearsing all day Saturday.

The 25 members of the Knightliters Jazz Band will also perform at Saturday's concert.

"We will be performing some of the big band selections from our December concert," conductor and lecturer in music Allan Jacobson said.

The band has been preparing for the concert since the beginning of Winter Term and will also be playing new selections and featuring new soloists.

"This year's band has been fun to work with," Jacobson said. "We had a busy and very successful fall. I am really looking forward to the rest of the school year. We have wonderful musicians at Wartburg."

Senior Alek Wipperman, who plays trombone in the Knightliters Jazz Band and wind ensemble, said he enjoys being in the band.

"It gives me a chance to hang out with people I like and play music I enjoy," he said. "Jazz band is something that people do to have a good time, and when we have a good time playing, people will have a good time listening."

Junior Melissa Fox plays flute in the wind ensemble and encourages people to attend the concert for "the opportunity to take a break from perhaps a busy day and simply sit back, relax and enjoy the music."

"Music is a huge part of Wartburg College," Fox said, "and we really appreciate it when a lot of the Wartburg community comes and supports us. We love sharing our gifts and connecting to our audience."

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Knights want to Know

Q: What's the normal temperature for this time of year?
A: The normal temperature is around 30 degrees. The warm weather on Thursday and Friday with highs of 60 and 58 did not set any records, however, bested by 2002 with highs of 65 and 63.

Q: Who was hotter, Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia or Farrah Fawcett? Which one is hotter today?
A: Carrie Fisher then, Farrah Fawcett now.

Send your burning questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

AUCTION TO BENEFIT SERVICE TRIP
A dating auction will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Lyceum. Bidding starts at $5, and winners will receive dates paid for and planned by the participants. Admission is free and all proceeds go to the Phoenix service trip.

WARTBURG WEST APPLICATIONS DUE
Applications for Wartburg West are due Wednesday in the CCE office, located in the library. Questions can be directed to the CCE or contact Alaina Akkerman at Ext. 7330 or alaina.akkerman@wartburg.edu.

MAJOR BARBARA AUDITIONS
Auditions for "Major Barbara" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Lyceum. Possible callbacks will be Friday. Performances will be April 6-8. Contact erin.gallagher@wartburg.edu for more information.

CANDLELIGHT DINNER
Wartburg College Forensics will host a candlelight dinner Wednesday. Following the meal, Tiffany Flowers and Kristy Hall will perform some of their pieces from the 2005-06 season.

MOCK INTERVIEWS THURSDAY
Interviews will be Feb. 16 from 9 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. On campus, off campus and phone interviews are available. To schedule an interview, stop by the Pathways Center or call Ext. 8615.

CAN YOU DODGE A WRENCH?
Men's and women's intramural dodge ball teams will compete in February. E-mail intramural@wartburg.edu by Wednesday with your team roster.

TEMPT FATE AND LADY LUCK
Join fellow gamblers for Casino Night at 10 p.m. Friday in Cardinal Commons. Enjoy music, blackjack, door prizes, mask making and more fun activities sponsored by A.W.A.R.E.

Are you interested in living off-campus?

If so, attend Student Senate's forum on housing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6.

Ask questions and hear answers about Wartburg's new off-campus policy. The forum will take place in the Buckmaster Room, WBC 214.

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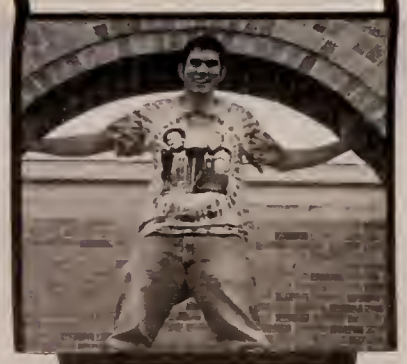

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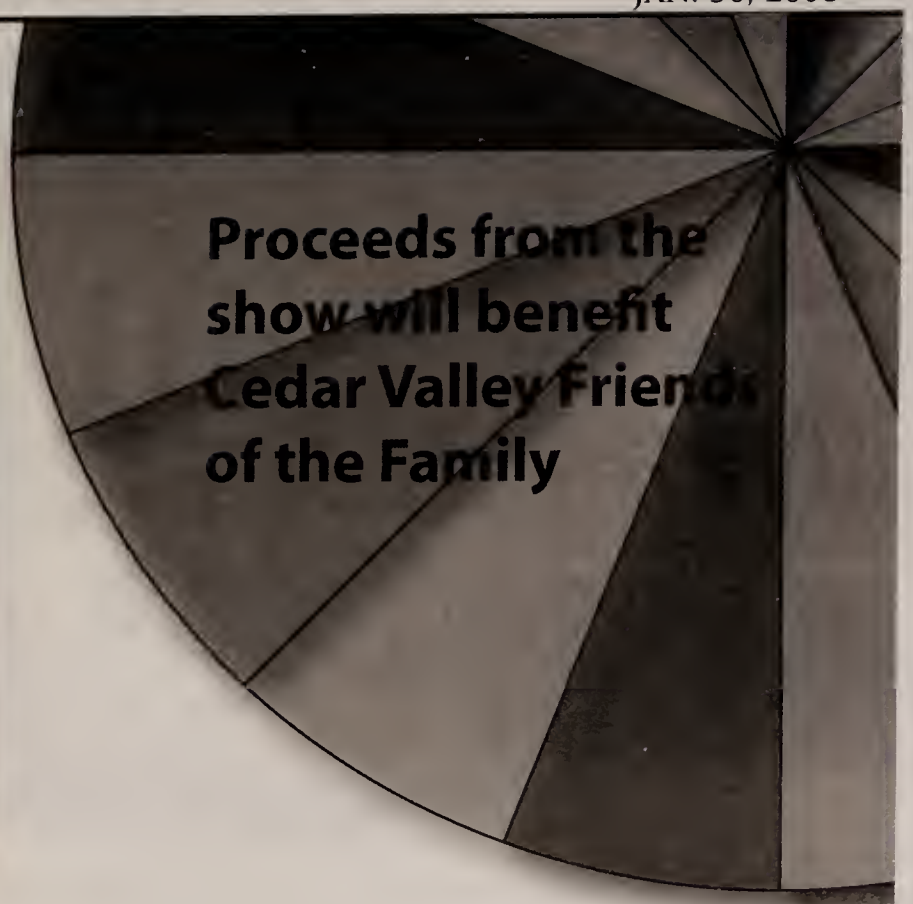

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When: 8 p.m. tonight
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Book JABbers share love of literature

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN
Staff Writer

"A Child Called It" by Dave Pelzer; "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens; "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen. What do all of these novels have in common?

They've all been featured for discussion by one of Wartburg's newest clubs: the Book JABbers. The club's name is an acronym for its founders's first names, sophomores Jessica Saunders and Aileen Rozak and junior Brittany Brugman.

They meet one Wednesday every month to discuss a book with anyone who attends. January's book was Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice."

The three formed the idea for a monthly book group as part of a service project for Lohe Hall last year.

According to Saunders and Rozak, they discovered a shared interest in reading, so the sophomores thought that holding a monthly book club meeting would be a good way to give back to the community. They also felt it would be a way to connect and a good stress reliever.

Besides a love for reading, Saunders and Brugman share a passion for music and are majoring in music performance, while Rozak is an education major.

Their majors have had little impact on the books they choose because they focus instead on books they wish to discuss.

According to the JABbers, these meetings are a "nice way to do some bonding" as the conversations start with the book and stem from there.

Roland Ferrie/TRUMPET

READING A MASTERPIECE—Founders of the Book JABbers, sophomore Jessica Saunders, junior Brittany Brugman and sophomore Aileen Rozak discuss Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" during their monthly meeting Wednesday night.

Besides the previously mentioned books, the JABbers have also highlighted the novels "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho and "Sybil" by Flora Rheta Schreiber.

In February, the group plans to lead a discussion on Alice Walker's "The Color Purple." The group originally planned to discuss "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis this month. However, they decided to focus on "Pride and Prejudice" in January to tie in with the recent film adaptation starring Keira Knightley.

Besides the novels on their lists, most of the JABbers have a love of reading that stretches beyond textbooks. All said that they enjoy numerous books by different authors.

Rozak says her favorite author is Jane Austen, and she loves reading anything written by her. Saunders said she finished her first autobiography recently. It is a genre most students steer clear of, but she says it is just as good as some of the fiction stuff. Brugman says she reads anything if it sounds interesting, ranging from series to certain authors to interesting topics.

"Reading appeals to our creative side," Saunders said. "As well, it's nice to have silence and read books once in a while."

Finishing the books for the discussion is not a requirement for those wanting to attend. As Brugman states, just knowing the main ideas of the novel is enough. Saunders added that even if someone hasn't read the novel, attending the discussion would give people information on what the book is about. Rozak said that the club gives a different perspective and a way to meet new people and to make new friends.

All students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend February's discussion on Alice Walker's "The Color Purple."

As for the future of the program, the JABbers hope to continue the project next year, expanding and tweaking their proposal.

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the DORK side

By NATHAN COUNTRYMAN

■ What would be the price for which you would sell your future? Well, for Pixar Animation Studios, the price was in the range of $7.4 billion. Not too shabby.

Pixar, which has been around for nearly 20 years, got a great deal when it was bought out by Disney Wednesday. For the public, this could mean bad news. Disney, for starters, utilizes the straight-to-DVD release more than any other company, with no signs of stopping (seeing a preview for "Bambi 2" made my skin crawl, as they made it sound like I'd be missing out by not purchasing the film).

Don't get me wrong, Disney and Pixar have done wonderful things together and that will most likely continue. After selling out to Disney, though, one has to wonder how soon it will be before we're seeing unneeded sequels released by Pixar. John Lasseter already stopped production on "Toy Story 3" because its plot was stretching too far, but when the Mighty Mouse starts coming down on them to produce greater profits, I think Pixar will eventually cave. And probably sooner than we all fear.

■ Speaking of conglomerates, WB and UPN announced this week that they will be merging their networks into CW. The companies will bring shows like "Smallville" and "Gilmore Girls" from the WB and "Veronica Mars" and "Everybody Hates Chris" from UPN together to the same network.

This deal might work out for the two companies, which have yet to establish a firm market hold of their own. However, it does remove yet another voice from the spectrum of network television and form another conglomerated media source when our lives are already full of them.

■ Consumers may want to keep an eye on Steven Soderbergh's latest film release "Bubble." According to an article in the Jan. 12, 2006 USA Today, the movie was released to theaters on Friday and will be released to DVD and pay-per-view channels within the week. The idea is radical, and with such an unknown film, the project will probably flop.

What's scary is if it succeeds, there will be a shift in the market to adapt to where consumers purchased viewing rights most. Imagine buying a movie like "X3: The Last Stand" days after seeing it in theaters. It helps the industry war against pirated copies of films, but at what cost?

This could mean bad news for movie theaters across the nation. However, the allure of cinema has become a cultural experience, and I doubt theaters will ever close their doors for good. They might have to become more niche, or purchase rights to showcase classic films, but either way the show will still go on.

■ Tonight is the Mr. Wartburg 2006 contest. Admission is $1, and it is well worth the cost to see these contestants strut their stuff.

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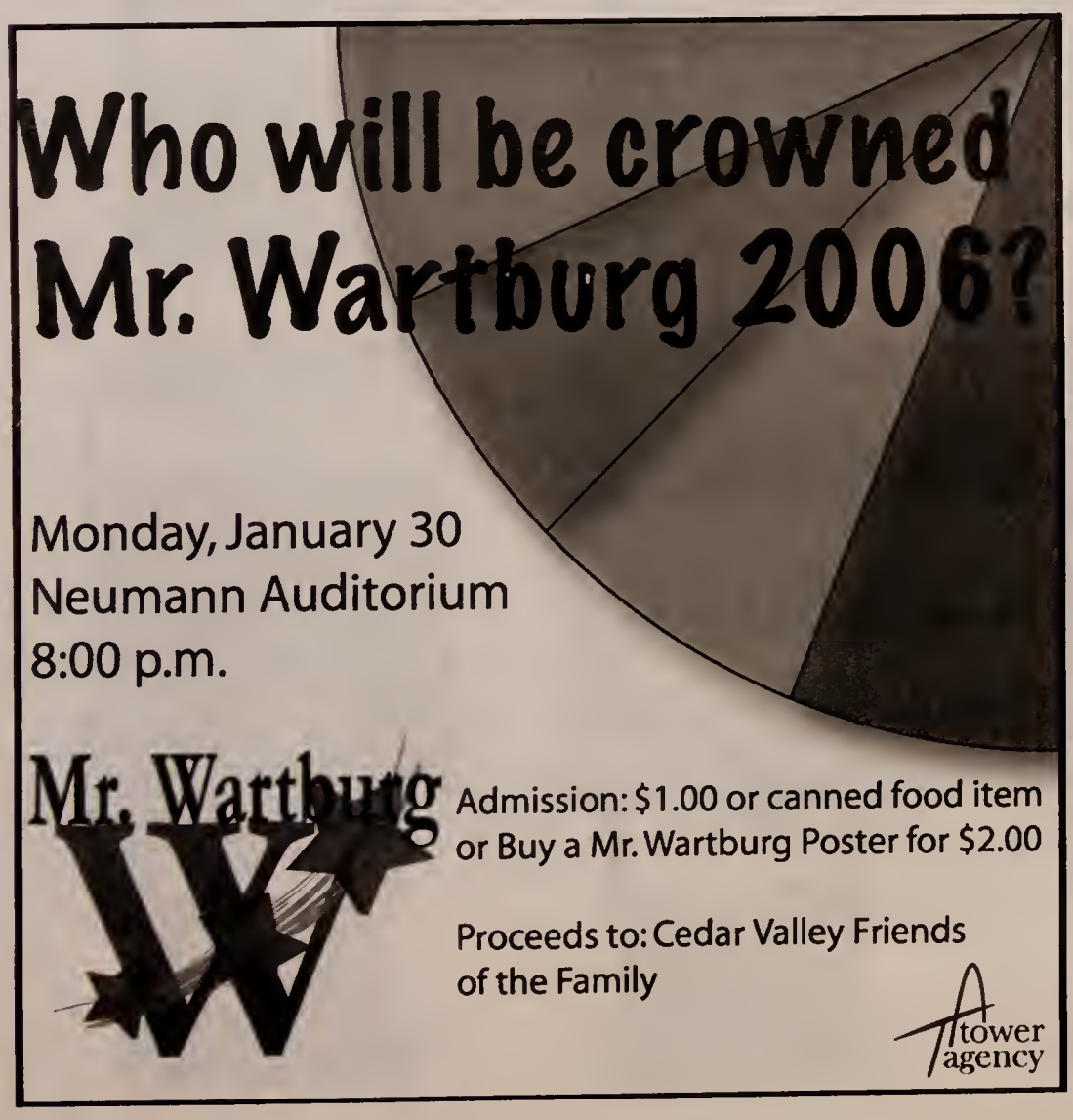

Movie Review

"Brokeback Mountain"

by A.J. Hodgeman

It has been the most talked about movie of 2005. Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain," starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger, takes place in Wyoming on a mountain where two ranchers end up falling in love with each other during the 1960s.

The story starts in 1963 when the two first meet on a sheep-herding trek on top of Wyoming's Brokeback Mountain. The film shows how life in the '60s actually was for ranchers: hardly any talking and lots of sitting around and watching sheep. Slowly the pair open up to each other while on the mountain and eventually they begin to develop a relationship that is more than just "buddy-buddy."

Many people were afraid to go watch this movie because there is an intimate scene involving two men. I'll admit that I was hesitant to watch, as well. But what people are overlooking is the fact that it is a love story, not a story about two gay men who kiss and make love all the time. It is a story of two guys who are trying to understand what they are feeling for one another because they know that they are different and that because they are different, they will not be accepted by society.

The first trip ends with Jack (Gyllenhaal) and Ennis (Ledger) saying their goodbyes for the summer. The next time they see each other is four years later. By this time both men are married with children. However, they still share a bond. The rest of the movie takes place over a number of years. Jack and Ennis take occasional fishing trips to the mountain, but Ennis' wife learns his secret and problems arise. On top of all of Ennis' family trouble, Jack is not able to be without Ennis and he openly expresses his feelings, knowing that problems will surface.

This movie was brilliantly acted and very well presented. Ledger and Gyllenhaal are absolutely amazing. When I was watching those two on screen, I felt the emotion that they were feeling. To bring something like that off the screen and into your audience shows an amazing talent.

Not only is this movie a love story, but it also allows people to see how reserved our society was towards homosexuality and how it was viewed as evil and never talked about. This film is a social commentary on how homosexuals were shunned and the many hate crimes towards homosexuals. Crimes still happen today, but there is a crucial difference between now and then: the law.

Brokeback Mountain is a great film and I would recommend it to anyone who is willing to enjoy an excellent love story set in a time when discrimination laws did not exist.

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Are You Catching Enough ZZZs?

By JENNA ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Winter Term is off to a good start. Classes are settled, students are adjusting to their new schedules and they are getting to bed by 10:30 every night to ensure that they receive eight solid hours of shut-eye before their 7:45 class.

Yeah. Right.

College life means late night meetings, cramming sessions, part-time jobs and partying, at least for some students. During the chaotic college "schedule," many students forget one of the most important things they can do to maintain their health: get some sleep.

The importance of sleep is often overlooked, and this negligence can result in symptoms easily confused with illnesses. These symptoms include: increased irritability; decreased motivation, memory and concentration; decreased creativity; less spontaneity; and even increased tendencies toward injury.

Not getting an adequate amount of sleep is particularly hard on a student's ability to learn; deep sleep and dream sleep are both parts of the sleeping cycle that are required for concentration. In other words, pulling an all-nighter isn't the best idea for that cumulative biology test tomorrow morning.

Students' ability to learn isn't the only thing affected when they don't get enough sleep. Not getting a sufficient night's sleep can have physical repercussions as well.

"Everything starts to go backwards when you're sleep deprived. Your immune system, everything," director of health and wellness Dawn Wiegmann said.

Physical symptoms of sleep deprivation can be mistaken for other illnesses such as a head cold, chest cold or the flu.

Student's biggest concerns are upper respiratory problems and lack of energy.

Wiegmann has talked with students and recommended some over-the-counter medications to help with their cold-like symptoms. After telling the students to take the medications before they go to bed, ideally around 10 p.m., she is usually answered with "I don't go to bed at 10 o'clock."

Studies have shown that students struggle the most their first year of college.

"I very rarely see any seniors down here for these problems," Wiegmann said. She went on to explain that the adjustment from homelife to college can be startlingly liberating. Freshmen are staying out late, partying and beginning to learn their personal limitations and responsibilities.

In a survey of more than 100 Wartburg students, freshman through seniors, 79 percent of them said they do not go to bed before midnight. This could be an issue for students with 7:45 classes because staying up late could result in more colds and flu-like symptoms.

"If you just sleep a little more, your immune system will build back up again," Wiegmann said.

A routine sleeping habit is imperative, especially during the school year. College students especially need at least eight hours of sleep every night, though this number depends on the individual.

The college years are especially hard for students to maintain any sort of sleep schedule. Smaller schools like Wartburg have their "off" days. It's common knowledge to Wartburg students that Tuesdays and Thursdays are generally more relaxed than the rest of the week. This sort of class schedule can wreak havoc on a student's ability to keep a routine when every other day he or she could have the chance to sleep hours longer than the day before. Some sort of routine must be established.

"I would be fine if that routine was 'I'm going to go to bed at midnight every night,'" Wiegmann said, "as long as that person gets up around eight every morning, as well."

Sleep medications can be a misleading "quick fix" for people's inability to sleep at night. Sleeping pills could repress rapid eye movement (REM) sleep or cause unusual dreaming that disrupts sleep cycles. Melatonin is a hormone that is produced by the brain to induce sleep, though it is still being studied to see if it is a safe alternative to sleeping pills.

There are appropriate times for sleeping medication. Emotional trauma is frequently treated with sleep aids. Extended use, however, is not recommended. Sleep aids can lose their effect and become addicting.

If you are still having trouble sleeping at night, consult your doctor or visit www.sleepcenters.org to find a sleep clinic near you.

Visit the National Sleep Association's web site at www.sleepfoundation.org for more information about sleep and sleep disorders or to find out your sleep IQ.

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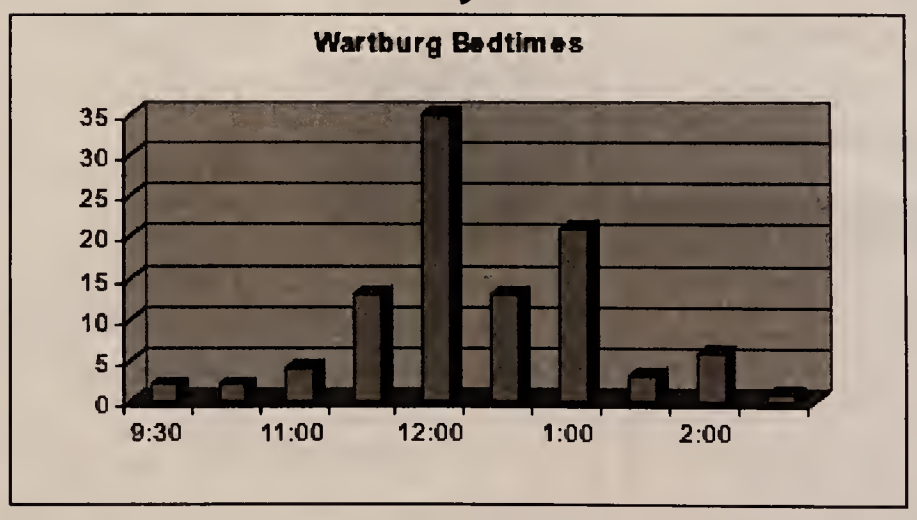
Where do you fit in?



Sleep-Smart Tips

- Sleep is food for the brain. Get enough of it and get it when you need it.
- Establish a regular bedtime and wake time schedule. Maintain that schedule during weekends and breaks.
- If you're sleepy during the day, take an early afternoon nap.
- Learn how much sleep you need to function at your best.
- Get into bright light as soon as possible in the morning. Avoid bright light in the evening.
- Understand your internal clock.
- After lunch, stay away from stimulants (coffee, soda with caffeine, nicotine, etc).
- Relax before going to bed. Avoid heavy studying and reading within one hour of going to bed.
- Say no to all-nighters. Remember, the best thing you can do to prepare for a test is to get plenty of sleep.

Super Bowl parties planned for students

By KRYSTAL FOWLER
Assistant KnightLife Editor

As Super Bowl Sunday rolls around, more than one activity is being planned that students might want to check out.

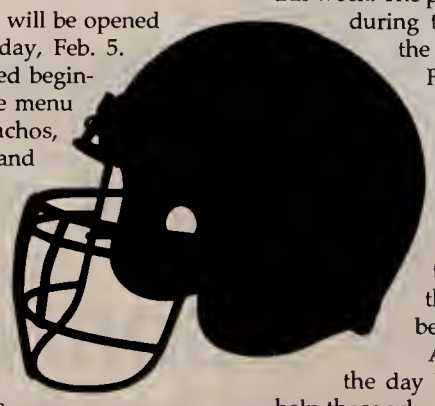
The Student Center Council will hold its second annual Super Bowl party at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center ballrooms. Whether you want to see the game, the commercials or the halftime show, the party will accommodate you.

The Student Center Council held the first party last year when trying to find more ways to use the Saemann Student Center for student activities. After last year's success, the council wanted to make the party an annual event.

President of the Student Center Council Erin Grandgennet hopes for a large student turnout this year.

"We had around 50 people last year," Grandgennet said. "This year we are hoping for even more."

Both ballrooms will be opened at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5. Food will be served beginning at 6 p.m. The menu will include nachos, cookies, root beer and more.



Throughout the night, students will have chances to win prizes. Names will be drawn throughout the game to determine the prize winners.

One lucky student can also win the privilege of having the best seats in the house this Sunday. The winner will be decided with a Super Bowl trivia game this week. The prize includes being served during the game by members of the Student Center Council. Food and drink will be brought to the student as he or she sits on a couch in the front row.

The game will be shown on a big screen. Super Bowl XL, featuring the Seattle Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers, will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Another group is taking the day before the game to try to help those who are less fortunate.

The Social Work Club is holding the first Wartburg SOUPer Bowl on Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. The club hopes to collect non-perishable food items for the local food bank by going door-to-door on campus.

A member of the Social Work Club had participated in a SOUPer Bowl somewhere else previously and brought the idea to a meeting.

This is the first year that the Social Work Club is coordinating the SOUPer Bowl, but if it is successful, they hope to continue it every year.

If interested in helping to collect food, come to the info desk on Saturday at 1 p.m. Participants will then go door-to-door collecting food items.

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Troubles continue for women

Knights drop three more games after head coach takes leave of absence

By ABBY SHOWALTER
Sports Writer

Heartbreaking losses were the theme for the women's basketball team last week after falling to three conference opponents.

The Knights hosted two conference opponents at home for the weekend, starting with Simpson Saturday.

Undefeated Simpson had the final word with an 80-61 victory over Wartburg. The Knights played even up throughout the entire game and made the Storm earn every point.

Wartburg shot a consistent 40 percent in both halves and was only down 43-29 at halftime.

The Storm came out strong for the second half and went on a 13-1 scoring run early to increase its lead by 25. The Knights didn't give up and cut the score to 65-53 with 6:42 left to play.

Interim head coach Kathy Franken was pleased with the team regardless of the loss.

"We played hard," Franken said. "I was very happy with the effort."

"We had nothing to lose and we worked really hard," sophomore Jamie Frantz said. "We really improved."

Sophomore Megan Hendricks posted her second double-double for the week against the University of Dubuque Friday night. Hendricks scored 16 points and had 10 rebounds for the Knights.

"[Megan] has really started to be a consistent scorer for us," Franken said.

Wartburg played a little sluggish in the 58-51 loss to the Spartans, but did force Dubuque to turn the ball over 23 times, while the Knights only had 11.

The teams alternated leads throughout both halves, and the game was tied 10 times. The Spartans gained the lead for good with 4:30 left to go in the game. The last minutes were a flurry of fouls and quick shots for the Knights, but the team was never able to regain the lead.

"Dubuque got a player back they didn't have last time we played," Franken said.

The Knights suffered a devastating two-point loss to Central on the road last Tuesday. Wartburg led for most of the second half but turned the ball over twice in the last 20 seconds to allow Central to come away with a victory.

Hendricks led the Knights with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Jamie Frantz, Tarah Mulder and LaToshia Burrell each added nine points for the Knights.

Wartburg won the rebounding battle posting 48 boards, but turned the ball over five more times than the Dutch.

The Knights led 38-33 at halftime and led by nine with 6:07 left to play in regulation. The Dutch slowly cut into Wartburg's lead and took a one-point lead with 10 seconds left. Wartburg fouled and Central player Emily Conway hit one free throw. Hendricks got off a three-point shot attempt for the Knights before the buzzer, but without success.

After the week the Knights, dropped to 3-8 in the conference but still have a chance to be in the tournament.

"We're still looking to be in the tournament," Franken said. "We're only one win out of fourth place. We just need to win the games we know we can."

Up next, the women have another busy week playing at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Luther and then head to Coe College for a 2 p.m. start Saturday.

Severson takes leave

Head women's basketball coach Monica Severson has taken a leave of absence from Wartburg College for an unspecified amount of time.

"Coach Severson requested a leave of absence for personal reasons for an indefinite amount of time," athletic director Rick Willis said. "That's all I can say at this time."

Coach Severson made the decision to take a leave of absence early last week. For now, Kathy Franken, the women's assistant coach, is stepping in as interim head coach for Severson.

Severson was also the assistant athletic director and according to Willis various people will be helping with her duties.

Severson was in her 18th season of coaching at Wartburg and has led five teams to IIAC championships.

Franken, in her 13th year with the Wartburg basketball team, is prepared to do whatever she needs to do for the team.

"I've been in the program for a long time," Franken said. "I'm ready for the responsibility."

The women's team holds a 3-8 conference record and is 6-13 overall this season.

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DRIVE BY—Freshman Kayla Feld dribbles past a Dubuque opponent.

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Ballers win ninth straight in IIAC

By AARON HAGEN
Assistant Sports Editor

The wins keep coming for the Wartburg men's basketball team this season. After a last-second win in the previous week, the Knights won three games in the span of five days to increase their winning streak to nine games. Wartburg is now 17-2 overall and 10-1 in the conference.

Saturday night against Simpson, Wartburg started slow, and trailed for the first five minutes. The Knights would take control behind three 3-pointers from freshman Cashes Mason with 13 minutes left. Wartburg never looked back as it held a 40-23 advantage at half and went on to a 76-67 win.

"To finish off the week here I thought we had a great first half," head coach Dick Peth said. "Giving up 44 points in the second half is not the way we want to finish games, but give them credit for knocking down those shots."

Senior Jason Steege led the starters with 12 points and sophomore Lee Nelson scored 10. Junior Nick Gullickson came off the bench to lead Wartburg with 13 points and Mason ended up with 11 off the bench.

"Like we tell our guys, we don't have five starters; we have 10 or 12 guys that could be in the game at any time," Peth said. "Obviously our bench was huge tonight. The guys that came in gave us a huge lift, and that was a big push for us in the first half."

"[Senior Cassidy Peterson] and my job is to jump off the bench and give the team a spark if some of the guys are getting tired or if the game is getting slowed down," Gullickson said. "We're in there to give the team a jump start."

The University of Dubuque came into Knights Gymnasium Friday night and ended with the same result as the earlier meeting. Wartburg jumped out to a 16-5 lead in the first seven minutes of the game after a Steege 3-pointer. Dubuque would climb back into the game and to within five, but the Knights took an 18-point lead into the locker room.

Wartburg led by as many as 26 in the second half and held on for a 20-point win.

"We played well right away but the second half we kind of let off a little bit," Gullickson said. "Our defense was not as good as it was in the first half, but we finished the game up 20."

The Knights had a balanced scoring attack as four players scored in double figures. Seniors Rance Cartmill and Nate Schmidt along with Gullickson all had 11 points, while Peterson scored 10 points off the bench in the win.

Wartburg's lone road win last week came at Pella against Central. The Dutch stayed with the Knights for most of the first half, until Wartburg pushed its lead to 10 with five minutes left in the first half.

Defense played an important role in the second half for Wartburg as Central shot just 30 percent from the floor and was held to just 24 points in the 69-51 Knights victory.

"It was a great way to start the week, to get a double-digit win on the road," Peth said. "I thought we came out and did a great job defensively at Central. We were pretty balanced in our scoring for the most part."

Schmidt recorded a double-double as he scored 15 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Steege scored 14 points in the first half, and ended with 18 for the game, while Peterson had 10 points off the bench.

The Knights go on the road this week as they face Luther at 8 p.m. Wednesday and travel to Coe Saturday for a 4 p.m. start.

"[Luther] is always a big game, and it's always a lot of fun for the players," Peth said. "We have tremendous respect for Luther and the job their coaching staff does. They are a much improved team and they have proved that this year."

Wartburg defeated Luther 74-61 in the first conference game this season and defeated Coe 73-71 just two weeks ago.

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HIGH FLYER—Freshman Cashes Mason shoots a runner in the lane in the Knights' win against the University of Dubuque at home on Friday night.

Tennis season opens with losses to tough opponents

By JOSIAH BRANDT
Sports Writer

The Wartburg tennis team opened its season Saturday with losses against Nebraska Wesleyan 6-1 and perennial IIAC power Coe College 7-0.

In the morning dual against Nebraska Wesleyan, the Knights were swept in doubles and saw one victory in singles action. The win was a result of a Nebraska Wesleyan default in the No. 2 match.

"Overall, I was pleased with how we played against Wesleyan," head coach Jim Willis said. "For some of the guys this was their first college match so they came into the match with a little bit of nerves."

In the second match of the day, the Knights battled a very skilled Coe College team. Having not lost a match to an Iowa Conference opponent in five years, and employing the reigning Iowa Conference MVP Ryan Yao and the 12th ranked doubles team in the Central Region, the Kohawks were heavy favorites and gained the victory with a 7-0 win.

"We really stuck with Coe the first set of singles. We really played better the second time around," Willis said.

Although Willis was pleased with the efforts of the team, he pointed out some areas which the team will work on in the upcoming weeks.

"We need to get in a little better shape, and we need to start developing some attitudes towards playing our points and our playing styles," Willis said. "I thought Saturday was a good start to the season and I'm excited to see how the next three months turn out."

The Knights next take on Central and Graceland in Pella Feb. 11.

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Back to back to back

Knights collect 11 falls in three wins at IIAC Duals

MARQUEE WIN—Senior 165-pounder Dustin Bliven pulled off a big upset by pinning No. 3-ranked Cole Williams of Dubuque in 42 seconds.

Luke Shanno/ TRUMPET

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Sports Editor

Three duals. Three victories. No more explanation is needed about Wartburg's half of the Iowa Conference Duals.

The Knights went into Saturday's competition at the PEC fieldhouse aiming to extend their IIAC dual winning streak to 104. They did that in emphatic fashion.

Wartburg took three victories by a combined score of 140-3, piling up 22 bonus-point wins en route to taking down Central, Dubuque and Cornell.

The biggest positive for the Knights was to see a number of young wrestlers get on the mat.

"We wanted to give these guys some opportunity to compete; to find out where they're at," head coach Jim Miller said. "They've been working hard in the room. I was pretty impressed with most of our young kids that got a chance to compete today."

Wartburg started the day with a 54-0 bludgeoning of Central, getting bonus-point wins at every weight. Top-ranked senior heavyweight Blake Gillis, freshman 125-pounder Ben McCorriston, freshman 174-pounder Craig Kreman and No. 3-ranked senior 184-pounder Akeem Carter gained falls in the win.

The Knights started their dual with Dubuque with three more bonus-point victories, including falls from freshman Matt Holland at 197 pounds and McCorriston. The big win of the dual came at 165 pounds, where senior Dustin Bliven pinned No. 3-ranked Cole Williams in 42 seconds.

Cornell entered its dual with Wartburg 2-0 on the day, but could only muster one victory. The Knights picked up five more bonus-point wins, including falls from junior heavyweight Brian Borchers, No. 2-ranked sophomore 149-pounder Jacob Naig and freshman 165-pounder Joe Bunne.

Miller was especially happy with the wrestling of McCorriston, who went 2-0 with two falls, and Kreman, who went 3-0 with one fall.

"They wrestled really hard," Miller said. "And that's the way they've been going in the room, so it's paying off for them. It's nice to see it come to fruition for them."

The Knights extended their IIAC dual win streak to 101 Wednesday, dispatching Simpson 38-8. Wartburg won eight of the 10 matches, including winning the last five. Second-ranked senior 174-pounder Scott Kauffman, Carter and junior 197-pounder Ryan Phillips all had pins.

Wartburg next hosts Augsburg at 7 p.m. Wednesday and also hosts Coe at 7 p.m. Saturday. These two duals will be the last at Knights Gym for the wrestling team. Miller hopes this week has prepared them for the rivalry match-up with the Auggies.

"I think this gives us some momentum going into that match, which we needed. We're looking forward to that meet. It's always a big meet."

Luke Shanno/TRUMPET

BRACE YOURSELF—Second-ranked sophomore 149-pounder Jacob Naig returns his Dubuque opponent to the mat Saturday.

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Three qualify at ISU, Monmouth

By ADAM HARRINGA
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The Wartburg track and field team split up this weekend, racing at the ISU Open and at the Midwest Invitational hosted by Monmouth. The weekend was highlighted by three national qualifying performances for the women.

Of the qualifiers, two came in the 800 meter at Iowa State. Freshman Nicole Calabrese and sophomore Heidi Porter both qualified for nationals.

Calabrese ran a 2:16.05, finishing sixth overall in a field consisting of Div. I and Div. II schools. Porter was ninth with a 2:16.84.

"My goal for the indoor season was to run a 2:16, but it looks like I'm going to have to adjust my season goals now," Porter said.

At Monmouth, sophomore Jessica Bates won the shot put with a throw of 12.94 meters, also putting her on the national list.

Also turning in top performances for the women at Iowa State were juniors Bridget Burns and Steph Arey in the 600-yard dash. Burns was third in a school record 1:25.95 and Arey was fourth in 1:26.15.

On the men's side at Iowa State, senior Noah Wendland ran a 1:55.83 in the 800, just off a national qualifying time. Also competing in the 800 was senior 400-meter All-American Josh Hauser, who ran a 1:59.69. It was Hauser's first collegiate 800.

"It was a good experience," Hauser said. "It was fun. I think I'll wait until outdoor to do another one, though."

Junior Scott Tjeerdsma ran a 1:12.43 in the 600-yard dash at Iowa State. Tjeerdsma's time set a new school record.

At Monmouth, the women's team turned in four first-place finishes.The men's team had four competitors finish second in their events.

Next weekend the track team will once again split up, competing at the Mankato State Open and in Mount Vernon for the Hilltop Open.

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Rich Rites

TIME IS NOW FOR WARTBURG WRESTLING

Sports have done many great things throughout history. Among them is (or isn't, depending on how vicious it is) the creation of rivalries.

Dodgers vs. Giants. Wolverines vs. Buckeyes. Lakers vs. Celtics. The list of heated feuds goes on and on.

But no rivalry means more to those participating than the Battle of the Avenue of the Saints—Wartburg vs. Augsburg wrestling.

Richard Podhajsky
Sports Editor

Augsburg has set the bar for Division III wrestling for the past decade-plus, winning nine national championships since 1991.

However, this year is shaping up to be the year the Knights claim the stake as the wrestling program in Division III wrestling.

Wartburg enters Tuesday's dual 20-0, including a steamrolling of the Auggies at the National Duals, 29-6. While that is the only blemish on Augsburg's record, it has left the Auggies still trying to wipe the tire marks off their singlets.

And, except for last year's dominance at the national tournament, the Auggies have been less than convincing against Wartburg. In the last seven duals, the Knights have won five. And the two Augsburg wins were by a combined four points.

The last time Wartburg didn't have a chance to win going into the final match was in 2002, when the Auggies claimed a 29-10 win.

A lot has changed since then. The Knights have won two national championships and are well on their way to a third. Wartburg has also won three out of four National Duals titles.

Over the last four years Wartburg has crowned 33 All-Americans to Augsburg's 31. The only place where Augsburg equals the Knights is in individual national championships, where each school has nine.

And that could easily change this year because Wartburg currently has four wrestlers ranked No. 1 to the Auggies one.

That sounds like a changing of the guard.

But the best part of this rivalry is that both teams keep it going by infusing new blood into the stream every year.

If both schools send out the same line ups from the National Duals, only seven seniors will take the mat and nine sophomores or freshmen will wrestle for the two squads combined.

That is how you keep a good rivalry going.

Which is the most dangerous part about this for the Knights. In any good rivalry, it's a toss up each time they meet each other. And while this rivalry hasn't had many stunning upsets, Wartburg will have to be ready.

Young wrestlers don't always know or care what their opponent is ranked. They just know that they want to win.

Which brings us to one last factor—the coaching. These two coaches, Jim Miller for Wartburg and Jeff Swenson for the Auggies, are two of the best in the business.

Both of these D-III legends come from the Dan Gable coaching school of thought. Their wrestlers attack fast and often. But even here it seems the Knights have an edge, just going by the records. Swenson only has 31 more wins in nine more seasons. And that's against a conference, the MIAC, which no longer sponsors wrestling as a varsity sport.

This is not to degrade and run down Augsburg. Rather, this column is meant to show how great Augsburg has been.

And how great Wartburg will be.

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